

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-40 are pending in this application.

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as allegedly containing four distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-16 and 22-25

Group II: Claims 17-19

Group III: Claims 20-21 and 31-40

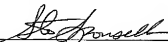
Group IV: Claims 26-30

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-16 and 22-25 (Group I).

Accordingly, applicant cancels claims 17-21 and 26-40 (non-elected Groups II, III, and IV), without prejudice.

Respectfully Submitted,

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